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SUBJECT: SIGNING CEREMONY FOR USAID GRANT TO IVORIAN ECONOMIC
AN SOCIAL RESEARCH CENTER (Cires)- COOPERATION IN SCIENTIFIC
RESEARCH

1. ON JANUARY 14 MINISTER OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH JEAN GUEDE LOROUGNON ANDAMBASSADOR SIGNED A GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN AID AND THE "CENTRE IVORIEN DES RECHERCHES ECONOMIQUES ET SOCIALES" FOR \$84,000 FOR FY 1976, WITH THE PROSPECT OF TWO ADDITIONAL GRANTS OF THE SAME AMOUNT IN FY 77 AND FY 78. THE PURPOSE OF THE GRANT IS TO UNDERTAKE FIVE RURAL RESEARCH PROJECTS AND TO TRAIN IVORIAN RESARCH SPECIALISTS TO PH.D. LEVEL IN U.S. UNIVERSITIES.

2. THIS CULMINATES TWO YEARS OF PREPARATION AND FITS WELL INFO EFFORTS THIS EMBASSY HAS BEEN MAKING TO ENCOURAGE CLOSER COOPERATION BETWEEN GOIC AND U.S. IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. SUCH ACITIVITIES HAVE INCLUDED VISIT HERE BY NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES AND AN IV GRANT TO IVORIAN DOCUMENTATION SPECIALIST TO VISIT AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC LIBRARIES TO DEVELOP BETTER EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS. MINISTER GUEDE LOROUGNON, IN COMMENDING OUR INITIATIVE AND EXPRESSING WARM APPRECIATION FOR IT, MADE CLEAR THAT THIS IN NO WAY REPLACED FRENCH SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WITH IVORY COAST. HE WELCOMED OUR ASSISTANCE AS "NEW FRIENDS" WHO WOULD HELP TO BROADEN THE COOPERATION THAT IVORY COAST HAS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

4. MINISTRY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH DID EXCELLENT PROMOTION JOB
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ON THE SIGNING, INCLUDING TWO ARTICLES IN FRATERNITE MATIN ON

JANUARY 14 AND TWO MORE, INCLUDING PICTURES, REPORTING THE EVENT
ON JANUARY 15. (ARTICLES WILL BE SENT BY POUCH). THE ARTICLES
WERE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED, HOWEVER, BY REFERENCES TO A MEETING TO
BEGIN ON JANUARY 15 OF THE MIXED FRANCO-IVORIAN COMMISSION ON
SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION.

5. COMMENT: THESE ACTIVITIES REPRESENT AN IMPORTANT BREAK-
THROUGH IN RELATIONS BETWEEN GOIC AND USG, BUT THEY HAVE TO BE
CONSIDERED AS A DIVERSIFICATION OF IVORIAN CONTACTS AND CLEARLY
NOT AS A SUBSTITUTE. THIS IS, OF COURSE, FULLY CONSISTENT WITH
U.S. OBJECTIVES. SMITH

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